

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Previously Presented)** A recording apparatus for recording contents, said recording apparatus comprising:

a drive unit operable to have a portable recording medium removably attached;

a relief recording medium;

an obtaining unit operable to obtain specification information which specifies one or more portable recording media to be used for recording a content;

a recording control unit operable to perform control so that (i) in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to said drive unit when the content is to be recorded, the content is recorded onto the attached portable recording medium, and (ii) in a case where none of the specified portable recording media are attached to said drive unit when the content is to be recorded, the content is recorded onto said relief recording medium; and

a dubbing control unit operable to, when triggered by a detection that one of the specified portable recording media is attached to said drive unit after the content has been recorded onto the relief recording medium, dub the recorded content from said relief recording medium onto the one of the specified portable recording media.

2. **(Original)** The recording apparatus of Claim 1, wherein

the specification information specifies one portable recording medium, using a piece of identification information which uniquely identifies the one portable recording medium; and

said recording control unit judges that the specified portable recording medium is attached to said drive unit when a currently attached portable recording medium is identified with the piece of identification information.

3. **(Original)** The recording apparatus of Claim 2, wherein

the specified portable recording medium has the piece of identification information recorded thereon; and

said recording control unit makes the judgment by comparing the piece of identification information recorded on a currently attached portable recording medium with the piece of identification information used by the specification information.

4. **(Original)** The recording apparatus of Claim 1, wherein
the specification information specifies the one or more portable recording media, using a piece of identification information that identifies a group made up of the one or more portable recording media; and
said recording control unit judges that one of the specified portable recording media is attached to said drive unit when a currently attached portable recording medium belongs to the group identified with the piece of identification information.
5. **(Original)** The recording apparatus of Claim 4, wherein
each of the one or more specified portable recording media has the piece of identification information recorded thereon, the piece of identification information showing the group to which each recording medium belongs; and
said recording control unit makes the judgment by comparing the piece of identification information recorded on a currently attached portable recording medium with the piece of identification information used by the specification information.
6. **(Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus of Claim 4, further comprising:
a list storing unit that stores a list showing the one or more specified portable recording media belonging to the group,
wherein said recording control unit makes the judgment by referring to the list.
7. **(Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus of Claim 1, wherein
said obtaining unit is further operable to obtain time information which indicates a time at which the content is broadcasted as a broadcast program, and
said recording control unit performs the control so that the content is recorded at the time indicated by the time information.
8. **(Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus of Claim 7, wherein
said obtaining unit obtains the specification information and the time information based on a piece of preprogramming information provided by a user who preprograms the recording of the content.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus of Claim 7, wherein the specification information specifies one portable recording medium; a piece of preset information is recorded on the specified portable recording medium, the piece of preset information instructing that the content should be recorded and including the time information; and
- when the piece of preset information is read from the portable recording medium, said obtaining unit obtains (i) the specification information for instructing that the content should be recorded onto the portable recording medium having the piece of preset information, and (ii) the time information included in the piece of preset information.
10. **(Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus of Claim 9, further comprising: an area releasing unit operable to, in a case where after the time indicated by the time information has arrived and the content is not recorded on either of said relief recording medium and the specified portable recording medium having the piece of preset information recorded thereon, release an area that is within the specified portable recording medium having the piece of preset information and is reserved for the recording of the content.
11. **(Original)** The recording apparatus of Claim 9, further comprising: an area releasing unit operable to, in a case where the piece of preset information is deleted from the specified portable recording medium, release an area that is within the specified portable recording medium having the piece of preset information and is reserved for the recording of the content.
- 12-16. **(Canceled)**
17. **(Previously Amended)** An integrated circuit for a recording apparatus which includes a drive unit operable to have a portable recording medium removably attached and a relief recording medium, said integrated circuit comprising:
- an obtaining unit operable to obtain specification information which specifies one or more portable recording media to be used for recording a content;

a recording control unit operable to perform control so that (i) in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to the drive unit when the content is to be recorded, the content is recorded onto the attached portable recording medium, and (ii) in a case where none of the specified portable recording media are attached to the drive unit when the content is to be recorded, the content is recorded onto the relief recording medium; and

a dubbing control unit operable to, when triggered by a detection that one of the specified portable recording media is attached to the drive unit after the content has been recorded onto the relief recording medium, dub the recorded content from the relief recording medium onto the one of the specified portable recording media.

18. **(Currently Amended)** A non-transitory computer-readable recording medium storing thereon a computer program to be executed by a computer which includes a drive unit operable to have a portable recording medium removably attached and a relief recording medium, said computer program comprising:

program code operable to cause the computer to obtain specification information which specifies one or more portable recording media to be used for recording a content;

program code operable to cause the computer to, (i) in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to the drive unit when the content is to be recorded, record the content onto the attached portable recording medium, and (ii) in a case where none of the specified portable recording media are attached to the drive unit when the content is to be recorded, record the content onto the relief recording medium; and

program code operable to cause the computer to, when triggered by a detection that one of the specified portable recording media is attached to the drive unit after the content has been recorded onto the relief recording medium, dub the recorded content from the relief recording medium onto the one of the specified portable recording media.

19. **(Previously Presented)** A content recording method used by a recording apparatus that includes a drive unit operable to have a portable recording medium removably attached and a relief recording medium, said content recording method comprising:

obtaining specification information which specifies one or more portable recording media to be used for recording a content;

(i) in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to the drive unit when the content is to be recorded, recording the content onto the attached portable recording medium, and (ii) in a case where none of the specified portable recording media are attached to the drive unit when the content is to be recorded, recording the content onto the relief recording medium; and

when triggered by a detection that one of the specified portable recording media is attached to the drive unit after the content has been recorded onto the relief recording medium, dubbing the recorded content from the relief recording medium onto the one of the specified portable recording media.

20. **(Canceled)**